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On instructions from my Government, and further to our letter dated 3 May 2016 concerning the rocket attack by terrorist groups against Dubayt Hospital in the city of Aleppo (S/2016/410), I should like to inform you of the indiscriminate terrorist attacks that have been launched by armed terrorist groups against peaceable residential neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo for these last two weeks.

The terrorist groups attacking Aleppo are carrying out the threats made by the "Riyadh opposition" delegation, which withdrew from the Geneva negotiations, to burn the cities of Syria, having failed to convince Syrians that it is genuinely committed to the future of the country, because it only understands the language of fire, blood, killing, carnage, plunder and theft. This is the very same group that certain parties like to call the "moderate opposition".

It is no longer possible to ignore or remain silent about the terrorist groups that serve as proxies for Turkey, Saudi Arabia and Qatar. They include Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, the Nusrah Front, the Free Army, the Army of Conquest, the Islamic Front, Liwa' al-Tawhid, the Emigrants Brigade, Northern Shield, the Army of Islam, the Nur al-Din al-Zanki battalion, Ahrar al-Sham, the Islamic Turkmen Front and other terrorist groups. Those groups are deliberately and indiscriminately showering peaceable civilian neighbourhoods of the city of Aleppo with thousands of projectiles, including light and heavy calibre missiles, explosive shells, gas cylinder missiles (also known as "hell cannons") and mortar shells. Within the last 10 days, those attacks have killed more than 118 people, and caused injuries of varying severity to more than 206 others, including women, children and the elderly.

The so-called moderate opposition is committing various crimes that include murder, the systematic destruction of homes, property and infrastructure, and vandalism of steadfast Aleppo's heritage and civilization — all in plain view of the international community. The purpose of those crimes is to punish the people of Aleppo, who have been steadfast in the face of terrorism. The murder and destruction have been greeted with deafening silence by the international community, which has turned a blind eye to the attacks that the terrorist groups have committed with the backing of the Turkish, Saudi Arabian and Qatari regimes. Those regimes support terrorism by providing money, weapons, materiel and manpower, as well as logistical and intelligence support. Meanwhile, well-known

media networks continue to promote terrorism, falsify facts and glorify terrorist crimes.

The following is a partial list of crimes and attacks committed by the armed terrorist groups that some are fond of calling "the moderate armed opposition". If these are the crimes committed by the moderate opposition, one shudders to think what things would be like if the opposition were not moderate!

- On Wednesday, 27 April 2016, eight people, including a woman, were killed and 51 civilians sustained injuries of varying severity.
- On Tuesday, 26 April, two people, including a woman, were killed and 17 civilians, including eight women and a child, sustained various injuries.
- On Monday, 25 April, nine people were killed and 103 civilians, including a child, sustained injuries of varying severity.
- On Sunday, 24 April, four people, including a woman and a child, were killed and 23 civilians, including four women and 11 children, sustained injuries of varying severity.
- On Saturday, 23 April, three people, including two women, were killed and 37 civilians, including 12 women and four children, sustained injuries of varying severity.
- On Friday, 22 April, 12 people, including four children, sustained injuries of varying severity.
- On Thursday, 21 April, one civilian was injured.
- On Wednesday, 20 April, five civilians, including a woman, sustained various injuries.

Annexed to the present letter are lists of some of the terrorist attacks perpetrated against Aleppo by terrorist groups, including the resulting human and material losses (see annex).

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that the armed terrorist groups that certain parties insist on calling the "moderate armed opposition" are only able to continue their crimes and attacks against civilians because of substantial direct and indirect foreign support from certain regimes and States, and because the direct intervention in the field on behalf of those groups by the armed forces of the Turkish regime, which supplies its proxies on the ground with weapons, ammunition, fire support and safe havens, is being ignored. The attacks and indiscriminate bombardment have intensified at the orders of the terrorism-sponsoring regimes and States in a premeditated attempt to scuttle the agreement on the cessation of combat operations and kill the Geneva negotiations.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations to condemn these barefaced criminal attacks against civilians. The Security Council must press the regimes and States that support and sponsor terrorism to order their proxies to desist from the systematic destruction of Aleppo and the murder of its civilian inhabitants, and take preventive and punitive measures against the regimes and States that support and finance terrorism in implementation of the relevant Security Council

resolutions on countering terrorism and the financing of terrorism, particularly resolutions 2170 (2014), 2178 (2014), 2199 (2015) and 2253 (2015).

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic reaffirms that it abides by the resolutions of the Security Council concerning the cessation of combat operations, but it will continue to pursue its struggle against terrorist organizations and groups in defence of security and stability in Syria, the region and the world.

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be issued as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Mounzer **Mounzer**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 4 May 2016 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Terrorist attacks and acts of aggression and sniper attacks perpetrated against Aleppo and its peaceful inhabitants during the period from 20 to 28 April 2016 and the resulting casualties

27 April

- A civilian was admitted to the Syrian Specialist Hospital after being shot in the Halab al-Jadidah area
- Two civilians were admitted to Razi Hospital in Aleppo after being hit by sniper fire in the Maysalun area
- A gas cylinder missile struck Qasam Street in Maydan, causing in material damage
- A civilian woman who died from injuries from sniper fire was brought to Aleppo University Hospital
- A civilian was admitted to Aleppo University Hospital after being shot in the left foot in the Hamdaniyah area
- A shell struck the Nayrab area, injuring three civilians
- A locally made rocket struck the A'zamiyah area next to the Bilal Mosque, killing three civilians and causing injuries of varying severity to 26 others
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Bab al-Faraj area, Manshiyah, injuring a civilian, who received medical treatment
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Aziziyah area, injuring a civilian, who received the necessary medical treatment
- A gas cylinder missile fell on the Muhafazah area, next to the Russian Consulate, injuring a civilian, who received the necessary medical treatment
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Halab al-Jadidah area next to the Sa'ad bin al-Rabi' Mosque, injuring a civilian, who received medical treatment
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Jamiliyah area, killing four civilians and causing various injuries to 13 others
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Sulayman al-Halabi area, injuring a civilian, who received medical treatment

26 April

- Four civilians, including a woman and a child, were taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the University Square area
- Four gas cylinder missiles struck the Suryan area, opposite the Ibn Rushd Hospital, causing material damage

- A gas cylinder missile struck the Nile Street area, causing various injuries to six civilians, including three women; the victims received medical treatment
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Jam'iyat al-Zahra' area, killing a man and a woman and causing various injuries to six civilians, including four women
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Ashrafiyah area, injuring a civilian
- Armed terrorist groups heavily shelled the residential neighbourhoods of Salah al-Din, A'zamiyah, Dahiyat al-Assad, Ashrafiyah and Jam'iyat al-Zahra', killing a number of civilians and causing various injuries to others

25 April

- A gas cylinder missile struck the Mogambo roundabout, injuring civilians
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Jamiliyah area next to the Sadiq Mosque, injuring civilians
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Ansari area, injuring a civilian
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Bustan Kulayb area, causing a child to suffer various injuries and bruising
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Jam'iyat al-Zahra' area, injuring a civilian
- A large number of shells and locally made rockets struck the town of Zahra' in the countryside north of Aleppo, killing one civilian and causing various injuries to 10 others
- Four locally made rockets struck Aleppo International Airport, causing material damage
- Three gas cylinder missiles struck the area of the radio station, killing a civilian and causing various injuries to 30 others
- Four gas cylinder missiles struck the Sulaymaniyah area, killing a number of civilians and causing injuries of varying severity to ten others
- A gas cylinder missile fell on the Jamiliyah area, next to the post office, killing a number of civilians
- A gas cylinder missile struck Barun Street in the Bab al-Faraj area, causing various injuries to five civilians
- A mortar shell struck the Maydan area, injuring a civilian
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Sulaymaniyah area, killing a number of civilians and causing various injuries to others
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Martini area, killing a civilian and causing various injuries to nine others
- A gas cylinder missile struck the area of the radio station, causing various injuries to 14 civilians
- A gas cylinder missile struck the area of Nile Street, causing various injuries to three civilians

- A gas cylinder missile struck the Hamdaniyah area, causing various injuries to civilians
- A gas cylinder missile fell on the Shahba' al-Jadidah area, next to Ulama' al-Sughur School, causing various injuries to five civilians
- A mortar shell struck the Jamiliyah area, causing injuries of varying severity to four civilians
- A mortar shell struck the Khalidiyah area, causing various injuries to civilians

24 April

- A gas cylinder missile struck the Minyan area, killing a little girl and injuring another
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Hamdaniyah area, causing various injuries to three children
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Jam'iyat al-Zahra' area, causing various injuries to civilians
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Halab al-Jadidah area, killing one civilian and injuring another
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Abu Firas al-Hamdani roundabout in the Halab al-Jadidah area, causing various injuries to a civilian
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Nile Street area, causing injuries of varying severity to five civilians, including three women and one child
- A gas cylinder missile struck Nile Street, killing a civilian woman and causing serious injuries to another
- Eight gas cylinder missiles fell on the Maydan and Sulayman al-Halabi neighbourhoods, next to Rotana Hall and Hajjar Mosque, killing one civilian and causing various injuries to seven others, including five children
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Suryan al-Jadidah area, injuring a little girl

23 April

- Six civilians, including five women, were taken to Razi Hospital and Aleppo University Hospital after sustaining injuries of varying severity when two mortar shells exploded next to them in the Mogambo and Nile Street neighbourhoods
- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after a gas cylinder missile struck the Mushariqah neighbourhood
- Three gas cylinder missiles struck the Ashrafiyah area, killing two women, and causing various injuries to 10 other civilians, including two children and three women
- A man and woman were taken to Razi Hospital in Aleppo after sustaining injuries when two gas cylinder missiles exploded near them in the Khalidiyah neighbourhood

- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the Jam'iyat al-Zahra' neighbourhood
- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by shrapnel when a gas cylinder missile struck the Khalidiyah neighbourhood
- A female civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after a gas cylinder missile struck her house in the Khalidiyah neighbourhood
- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by shrapnel when a gas cylinder missile struck his house in the Masakin al-Sabil neighbourhood
- Nine civilians, including a child and a woman, were taken to Aleppo University Hospital and Al-Razi Hospital when two gas cylinder missiles struck the Ashrafiyah neighbourhood
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Ashrafiyah neighbourhood, killing one civilian and injuring another
- Several falling bullets struck the Mogambo area, injuring a civilian
- Several falling bullets struck the Hamdaniyah neighbourhood, injuring a woman and a child
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Sabil neighbourhood, injuring a civilian

22 April

- Two civilians were taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the Hamdaniyah area
- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being injured by a falling explosive shell in Nile Street
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Salah al-Din neighbourhood, causing various injuries to eight civilians, including four children
- A gas cylinder missile struck the Aziziyah area, next to the cultural centre, injuring a civilian

21 April

- A citizen was taken to Aleppo University hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the right foot in the Sayf al-Dawlah area

20 April

- Four gas cylinder missiles struck various places in the Fayd neighbourhood, causing material damage
- A civilian was taken to University Hospital after being struck by sniper fire in the Salah al-Din area
- Three civilians, including a woman, were taken to Razi Hospital and Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the Bustan al-Zahrah, Idha'ah and Kuwayris neighbourhoods
- A civilian was taken to Aleppo University Hospital after being hit by sniper fire in the Jam'iyat al-Zahra' neighbourhood

Table of projectiles fired at peaceable civilian neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo on 1 May 2016

Time	*Location*	*Nature of violation*	*Number*	*Resulting damages and losses*
1010	Sayf al-Dawlah neighbourhood	Sniper fire	1	1 injured
1715	Bustan al-Zahra' neighbourhood	Sniper fire	1	1 injured
1830	Shahba — ring road	23 mm calibre artillery	3	5 injured
1830	Ansari — Diyafah Palace	23 mm calibre artillery	1	4 injured
1835	Sayf al-Dawlah	14.5 mm calibre machine gun	1	1 soldier killed
1850	Sulaymaniyah	Mortar	1	4 injured
1900	Sayyid Ali area	Mortar	1	–
	George Lahdu	Mortar	1	3 killed and 10 injured
	Maysalun Bridge	Mortar	1	–
1910	Nile Street	Mortar	1	1 injured
1920	Maydan neighbourhood	Mortar	6	Material damage
1920	Aziziyah	Gas cylinders	2	–
1935	Nazlat Adun's	Shells	3	4 injured
1935	Near the university	23 mm calibre artillery	2	3 injured
2000	Maysalun	Mortar	1	17 injured
2000	Bab al-Faraj	Mortar	1	1 injured
2000	Maydan	Mortar	2	6 injured
2000	Hamdaniyah	Mortar	1	1 injured

Table of projectiles fired at peaceable civilian neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo on 30 April 2016

Time	*Location*	*Nature of violation*	*Number*	*Resulting damages and losses*
1140	"Roundabout of death" at the entrance to Aleppo	Rockets	1	1 injured and material damage
1330	Nile Street	Mortar	1	Material damage
1700	Hamdaniyah neighbourhood, district 4	Gas cylinders	1	2 killed and material damage
1215	Mushariqah neighbourhood	Mortar	1	Material damage
1505	Sayf al-Dawlah	Mortar	4	Material damage
1505	Hamdaniyah	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1600	Hamdaniyah	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1600	Sa'dullah al-Jabiri Square	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1600	Hamdaniyah	Mortar	1	Material damage
1630	Hamdaniyah	Mortar	2	1 injured
1025	Khalidiyah	Mortar	1	Material damage
1030	Jam'iyat al-Zahra'	Mortar	3	1 killed, material damage
1750	Sulaymaniyah	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1915	Arqub — Jabal al-Ghazalat	Mortar	Several projectiles	4 injured and material damage
1915	Hamdaniyah, district 3	Gas cylinders	1	1 killed and material damage
1915	Kallasah, Suyufi neighbourhood	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1920	Ramusah, Artillery College	Highly destructive rocket	1	Material damage

Table of projectiles fired at peaceable civilian neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo on 29 April 2016

Time	*Location*	*Nature of violation*	*Number*	*Resulting damages and losses*
1030	Khalidiyah cosmetics market	Mortar	1	Material damage
1040	Khalidiyah — gas plant area	Mortar	3	Material damage
1100	Khalidiyah — local market	Mortar	2	Material damage
1135	Halab al-Jadidah — Basil roundabout	Mortar	2	4 injured
1215	Maydan neighbourhood	Shells	5	Home burned
1310	City Hall area	Gas cylinders	3	Material damage
1320	Bustan Kulayb	Gas cylinders	1	14 injured
1330	Security Committee headquarters area	Gas cylinders	1	Material damage
1335	City Hall area	Gas cylinders	1	6 killed and 10 injured
1345	Maydan neighbourhood	Gas cylinders	1	1 killed and 7 injured
1400	Police headquarters area	Mortar	1	1 injured and car burned
1410	Bustan al-Qasr — vegetable market	Gas cylinders	2	6 killed and 5 injured
1420	Turkish Consulate area	Mortar	4	3 consulate guards injured and material damage
1500	Jamiliyah — City Hall	Mortar	2	1 injury and material damage
1520	Nile Street	Mortar	6	Home burned
1730	Sayf al-Dawlah — Idha'ah neighbourhood	Various	30	2 killed and 10 injured
1730	Fatimah Mosque — Zahra' neighbourhood	Various	5	6 injured and material damage
1735	Assad suburb	Mortar	2	2 injured
1735	Jamiliyah — next to the Baz petrol station	Mortar	1	1 killed and 2 injured
1750	Suryan	23 mm calibre artillery	1	2 injured

Time	*Location*	*Nature of violation*	*Number*	*Resulting damages and losses*
1850	Assad suburb	Sniper fire	–	3 injured
1830	Bustan Zahra'	Mortar	1	1 injured
1830	Maysalun	Mortar	1	1 injured
1835	Maysalun — next to the bridge	Mortar	1	Material damage
1840	Shaykh Maqsud	Mortar	1	2 injured
1845	Fayd	Gas cylinders	1	4 injured
1910	Sulaymaniyah — main road	Mortar	1	1 injured
1915	Sulaymaniyah — Cocktail Street	23 mm calibre artillery	3	3 injured

Table of projectiles fired at peaceable civilian neighbourhoods in the city of Aleppo on 28 April 2016

Time	*Location*	*Nature of violation*	*Number*	*Resulting damages and losses*
0130	Meridien neighbourhood	Gas cylinders	8	2 killed and 4 injured
0915	Ashrafiyah	Gas cylinders	1	2 injured
0930	Ashrafiyah	Shell	2	4 injured
1000	The tourist hotel in Sa'dullah al-Jabiri square	Shell	1	5 injured
1015	Basil complex — Manshiyah al-Jadidah	Shell	1	1 injured
1015	Bab al-Faraj — Administrative Affairs Centre garage	Shell	1	Material damage
1100	Aziziyah area	Gas cylinders	1	6 injured
1100	Aziziyah neighbourhood	Gas cylinders	1	1 injured
1120	Maydan neighbourhood	Gas cylinders	1	9 killed and 23 injured
1230	Maydan, residential building	Rocket	1	8 killed
1450	Muhafazah area	Gas cylinders	1	2 injured
1505	Jamiliyah area	Gas cylinders	1	2 injured
1545	Jamiliyah area	Gas cylinders	3	2 killed and 20 injured
1545	Manshiyah al-Qadimah area	Mortar	1	2 killed
1630	Muhafazah area	Mortar	2	3 injured
1630	Sa'dullah al-Jabiri Square	Gas cylinders	1	1 injured
1645	Sa'dullah al-Jabiri Square	Gas cylinders	1	2 injured
1645	Jamiliyah	Gas cylinders	1	4 killed and 8 injured
1650	Muhafazah area	Mortar	1	3 injured
1745	Tal'at Meridien	Gas cylinders	1	1 killed
1745	Sa'dullah al-Jabiri Square	Gas cylinders	1	1 soldier injured
1810	Aziziyah area	Mortar	1	2 injured and material damage
1900	Maysalun roundabout	Gas cylinders	1	4 injured